Letters from M.P s. Received in Prime Minister's Office

6334. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of letters written by the Members of Parliament to him during the period from 1st April, 1994 to 31st March, 1995;

(b) what is the number of letters acknowledged out of them;

(c) what is the number of letters in respect of which final replies were sent; and

(d) what is the break-up of final letters issued containing positive and negative replies respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) The number of letters received by the Prime Minister from the Members of Parliament during the period from 1.4.94 to 31.3.95 is 9479.

(b) to (d) Most of the letters received from the Members of Parliament were acknowledged by the Prime Minister. While action on most of the letters is required to be taken by the concerned Ministries/Department, there are some letters on which action is to be taken by the Prime Minister's Office. There are also some letters which are of a nature on which no specific action is required. Out of 4499 letters on which Prime Minister's Office was required to take action, final replies have been sent to 3523 letters. This contains 2724 positive replies and 799 negative replies. Other actionable letters were forwarded to the concerned Ministries/Departments for considering the issues raised in the letters and sending suitable replies to the Members of Parliament. Details of such cases are available with the concerned Ministries/ Departments.

Schemes to Promote use of Hindi

6335. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Atomic Energy have chalked out any plan to promote the use of Hindi language in its administration and other wings;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the various schemes formulated and being implementing by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) The Annual Programme brought out by the Department of Official Language is being followed in this Department.

(b) and (c) The Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) has introduced incentive schemes for its officers and employees, for (i) writing original notes and drafts in Hindi, (ii) giving dictation in Hindi, and (iii) doing Hindi typing/stenography work in addition to English typing/ stenography. Besides, organisation of Scientific Seminars, bringing out house magazines/Scientific Journals in Hindi are also being undertaken.

Increase in Pak armed forces

6336. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has nearly doubled its manpower in the armed forces in the last six years from five lakh in 1988 to 8.30 lakh in 1994 excluding the reserves;

(b) whether Pakistan is the principal beneficiary of one thousand surface to surface scud missiles left behind by Russians in Afghanistan; and

(c) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to augment the strength of the Indian Army to meet the likely danger from Pakistan to our security?